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FEE FILER MANDATORY FOR FY 2010 REGULATORY FEES

The Commission's automated filing and payment system ("Fee Filer") is now available for filing and payment of FY 2010 regulatory fees. Regulatory fee payments must be made no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on August 31, 2010.

As set forth in 47 U.S.C. 159(a), the Commission is required by Congress to collect regulatory fees to recover the regulatory costs associated with its enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities. Licensees and regulatees are assessed fees calculated as set forth in (*See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010, Report and Order*, 75 FR 41932 at ¶ 1 (July 19, 2010) ("*FY 2010 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*"). The Commission also publishes industry-specific guidance in *Who Owes Fees & What is My Fee FY 2010*, which can be found on the Commission website at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html>).

In its *FY 2009 Regulatory Fee Report and Order*¹, the Commission instituted the mandatory use of the Commission's Fee Filer System; this requirement was again reiterated in the *FY 2010 Regulatory Fees Report and Order*. Fee Filer is the FCC system designed to capture information regarding a regulatee's or licensee's regulatory fee obligation. The first step in the annual regulatory fee filing process is that licensees access the Commission's Fee Filer System. In order to access Fee Filer, you must have a valid FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password. Once you have successfully accessed Fee Filer, you will have the ability to review, create, update, or change your fees. The second step is to decide on a payment method, including online payment with a credit card, online payment from a bank account, mailing a check, or sending a wire; instructions have been provided for you at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees.html#how>. Fee Filer will print a Form 159-E for users who do not wish to pay online.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to determine the full extent of their regulatory fee obligation. In addition, regulatory fee bills will no longer be mailed to the regulatee, but can be viewed by logging onto Fee Filer² at (www.fcc.gov/feefiler), or from the left side of the FCC Fees page, by clicking on the link (<http://www.fcc.gov/fees>).

¹ See *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009, Report and Order*, 74 FR at 40092, paragraphs 19-23 (August 11, 2009).

² *Id.* paragraphs 24-26.

Although Fee Filer is a self-reporting tool, the Fee Filer program is able to populate the various fee categories using a particular or associated FRN. However, regardless of the data populated in Fee Filer, the filer is still responsible for reporting and paying for all regulatory fees owed, irrespective of whether all of these fees are identified using this feature. All 2010 regulatory fees should be paid through the *Regulatory Fees* section of Fee Filer, regardless of whether a bill for the fees was issued by the FCC.

Due Date for Paying Regulatory Fees is August 31, 2010

Please note that FY 2010 regulatory fees are due by August 31, 2010. Payments received after 11:59 p.m. ET on August 31, 2010 will be assessed a 25% late payment fee.

Updated Features for Easier Filing

In 2010, Fee Filer remains basically the same as in 2009 but with a few new enhancements.

- Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) filers can now use Fee Filer to update their subscriber counts for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Filers who submit their Interstate Telephone Service Provider (ITSP) fees using Fee Filer can now retrieve their submitted ITSP data via a link to the associated Form 159-W.
- In addition, when users choose to provide their e-mail address on the Fee Filer Final Review page, they will receive an e-mail confirmation when the FCC processes their payment.

For Further Assistance

The Financial Operations Help Desk (1-877-480-3201, option 4) can provide assistance with Fee Filer and is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET on business days. You can also e-mail your questions to: arinquiries@fcc.gov.

Internet Browser Requirements for Using Fee Filer

Fee Filer is available to any FCC customer with Internet access using the following browsers: (1) Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher or (2) Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher with SSL and JavaScript enabled.